

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Tarbutton Mill House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Tarbutton Mill Rd., 1 mile S.E. of Rt. 50 (south)

CITY, TOWN

Trappe

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles R. Lyons

Telephone #: 822-2562

STREET & NUMBER

RD 4, Box 676

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Talbot County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 401

Folio #: 652

STREET & NUMBER

Washington

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tarbutton Mill House is located on the road of the same name between Easton and Trappe, east of Rt. 50. It faces north toward the former mill pond.

The building is four bays long and two bays wide, with the principal entrance on the gable facade. The walls are laid in Common bond with headers every third row. Adjacent the second window from the north, and corresponding to it on the opposite wall, is a vertical seam indicating that the northern portion of the building is the earliest part.

The north facade is covered with a porch of twentieth century date. A center door is flanked by two large windows. Two windows light the attic above. All sash have 6/6 panes. The door opening has been reduced in size and the window frames replaced, although those on the second floor appear original.

There is one window on each side of the earliest section as well as a dormer. The cornice dates from the same period as the wing which appears to be second quarter 19th century.

The two windows of this section are slightly smaller and the third window in the southernmost bay is lower, indicating a change of level within.

On the east side of the building is a leanto addition of twentieth century date, incorporating an earlier porch. The south gable has an external assymetrical chimney and a partially framed wall.

A cellar beneath the north portion of the house retains the foundation of a large chimney which was removed around the mid-19th century.

Within, the house is divided into three rooms and stair passage. The north room has no heat source and is seperated from the middle room by large double doors, hung up-side-down. On the east side of the middle room is a partition seperating the stair passage from the heat source. The passage extends from the south room to the stair and retains some original trim and chair rail.

The kitchen is two or three steps lower than the principal floor and is very plain. Its east wall has been mostly removed and opens into the leanto. A secondary stair ascends to the room above.

Fireplaces exist in the middle room and kitchen but are concealed at present. On the second story is a third fireplace above the middle room. The second story is divided similar to the first story, but there are two rooms above the north room.

Originally, the house consisted of the north portion and resembled the Reward, Somerset County, although on a smaller scale. The addition apparently consisted of one room attached behind the original section and a partially detached kitchen. There was a pass-through between the two, but in order to walk between the middle room and

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## #7 DESCRIPTION (continued)

kitchen, it was necessary to go outside, beneath the overhang of the original roof. This theory is substantiated by the partial frame section beneath the symmetrical roof.

In the mid-19th century the plan was altered to its present plan. At one time, however, there was a detached frame building with cellar south of the house. The cellar still exists as well as a line in the south gable where there was an "A" roof connector. An old photo in Dr. H.C. Forman's, Old Buildings, Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, reveals the building at one of its stages of growth and delapidation.

West of the house exists an early brace framed barn with remnants of original beading siding attached with wrought nails, and other hardware. One original false plate is diagonal, similar to the construction at Wye Mill. The building is in poor condition, but should be salvaged as an existing remainder of this type of barn.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tarbutton Mill House is important to the survey of buildings in Talbot County because it is one of three known dwellings of early date belonging to a miller. The house is also of importance because of the unusual floor plan and development as well as the existence of original detail.

TARBUTTON MILL (3)  
TARBUTTON MILL ROAD.

This mill was once owned by Robert Bartlett of Old Bloomfield. James C. Tarbolton, Jr. was listed in the atlas as the prop. of Cottage Mills, a gristmill and portable steam sawmill. He gave an Easton postal address and gave birth date as 1840 in Talbot County and his estate at 170 acres. The steam gristmill was shown on the atlas map on a branch of Miles Creek and was there spelled Tarbotton. The 1887 State directory spelled the name Tarbutton and included the sawmill. Tarbutton Mill Road of the present runs east off U.S. 50 between old White Marsh Church ruins and Trappe; the road leads to Miles Creek, but the mill is extinct. The name is also spelled Tarbutton in OBGF, p. 119.

BARTLETTS MILL (3)

The foundation was standing on Miles Creek near Manadier Cross Roads in 1931. It was 1 mile from William P. Wright mill and the ancestor of Bartletts Mill in Easton. "Talbot's Most Picturesque Spot," Easton Star-Democrat, 1931 (n.d.).

John McGrain, The Molinography of Talbot County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Forman, H.C., Old Buildings, Gardens and Furniture, Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, 1967, p.119.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Sept. 8, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Tarbutton Mill Barn

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